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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PA  
SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES

REF: STATE 172095

1. THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT IS ONE OF THE TWO REMAINING ANTI-CUBAN HOLDOUTS (WITH CHILE). IT NEITHER UNDERSTANDS NOR APPROVES OF ANY SIGN OF "SOFTENING" WITH RESPECT TO LIFTING CUBAN SANCTIONS, ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, OR ANY INTERMEDIATE STEPS. ANY CRITICISM OF THE US SO FAR HAS BEEN DISCREET AND IN PRIVATE.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF PANAMA, ALTHOUGH THE GOP SEEMS TO CONSIDER TORRIJOS UNRELIABLE AND A RADICAL, PARAGUAY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO STAND ALONE (AS IT HAS ON THE CUBAN SANCTIONS ISSUE) AGAINST THE MAJORITY. IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS LIKELY THAT PARAGUAY WILL GO ALONG WITH THE CROWD ON ANY ISSUE INVOLVING PANAMA VS THE US, ALTHOUGH UNENTHUSIASTICALLY. WE ANTICIPATE SOME PUBLIC CRITICISM HERE IF THE ISSUE BLOWS UP INTO A HEMISPHERE-WIDE PROBLEM.

3. PARAGUAY IS ONE OF THE FEW ARA COUNTRIES (POSSIBLY THE ONLY ONE) GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE TRA. THIS IN PART REFLECTS ITS CORRESPONDING ILL WILL TOWARDS THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT HIGH PRICE OF IMPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, SPECIFICALLY OPEC. PARAGUAY REALLY

DOES NOT CARE WHETHER THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP IN THE TRA IS REMOVED, AND WHEN THE ISSUE WAS RIPE (LAST JANUARY) SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS PRIVATELY TOLD US THEY APPROVED OF THE RETALIATORY ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT TRA AFFECTING VENEZUELA IN PARTICULAR.

4. THESE ARE ONLY SHORTHAND ANSWERS, AS REQUESTED.  
AMBASSADOR LANDAU MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER ON HIS  
RETURN O/A AUGUST 1.  
BRIGGS

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